



NEWS RELEASE  
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, and the Lancaster County Attorney's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

On March 5, 2010, a Lincoln man was sentenced to 11 years and three months (135 months) in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between November of 2007 and February of 2009. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Bruce Stanley Wooten was responsible for the distribution of between approximately 18 ounces and 3 pounds of methamphetamine during that time period. In February of 2009, Wooten was contacted by Lincoln Police officers during the execution of a search warrant at another person's residence and was found to be in possession of small amounts of methamphetamine and marijuana.

**Name of Defendant:** Bruce Stanley Wooten

**AKA:**

**Age:** 22

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:** Lincoln

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** Wooten was held responsible for between 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) and 1.5 kilograms (3 pounds)

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** none

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** Between on or about November 1, 2007, and on or about February 5, 2009

**Federal Arrest Date:** July 28, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** July 22, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date:** July 29, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** Pled guilty on December 16, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** March 5, 2010

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** none

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:**

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** Released on conditions on July 29, 2009, and returned to custody on December 12, 2009

**In Continuous Custody Since:** December 12, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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